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A challenge

IT is hard to believe that when the two electricity companies framed their final proposals to Government providing for minimum controls they did so in the expectation that their plan would be fully accepted. For while they take elaborate steps to safeguard their own interests and those of the shareholders, the consumer is virtually ignored and there is no clear indication of the extent to which he will benefit. If Government's only consideration were the consumer, its answer would be simple. It could for example insist that for every dollar the companies put aside from current earnings for development, shareholders will have to put up three or more. And it could permit no increase in dividend without a corresponding benefit to the consumer.

BUT the companies' plan does, for all its faults, offer a challenge which has to be answered. It is that they are to be treated as a special case as far as controls are concerned, or are they to have as much freedom as any other public utility? In other words, are the companies to be allowed to pay roughly the same dividends as other utilities and to be able to make similar provision for various contingencies including future expansion, or are they to be shackled in such a way that while electric light bills may come down a few dollars the companies will be unable to function as efficiently and grow as spectacularly as they have in the past?

It is an important question, for while we have no brief for big business, we are vitally concerned with the future of industry and the paramount need for it to be served with light and power as when it requires it. THE argument that because of the importance of electricity supply Government should have greater control of these companies than any other admirable as long as it does not plan putting them into financial chains and robbing them of the initiative and incentive which has been so much a feature of past growth. This does not mean that the consumer's welfare must be sacrificed, but it is most important to ensure that the electricity companies are given the same freedom to operate and expand as other utilities. The consumer will get nothing by a scheme which gives him cheaper bills now but a service plagued by blackouts, stoppages and interruptions ten years hence because of the companies' inability to grow at the same rate as the rest of the colony.

19 countries affected by move to halt dollar drain HK HIT BY NEW U.S. TRADE BAN

American aid money cannot be spent here

Countries receiving American aid will no longer be able to spend aid money in Hongkong under a new order announced in Washington yesterday. The order affects 18 other countries as well, including Japan, West Germany, UK and Australia. Authorities in Hongkong today said the Colony stood to lose millions of dollars worth of business under the order.

NEW SOVIET DEMANDS ON CONGO

Moscow, Dec. 5. The Soviet Union today demanded an "urgent" discussion of the Congo situation at the United Nations, Tass said. The Soviet statement on the Congo situation which also demanded release of jailed Premier Patrice Lumumba, and disarming of Congolese troops of Colonel Joseph Mobutu by UN forces.

The office press agency said the Soviet Union also urged the setting up of a special commission of representatives of African nations to "investigate the sources of financing of the rebellion."

Newsman fined in South Africa

Johannesburg, Dec. 5. Dennis Kiley, 27-year-old Johannesburg journalist, was today fined a total of £400, or eight months jail, for sending false information about South African prisons to the London News Chronicle.

Kiley was alleged to have sent cables to the paper describing Medder Prison as a "concentration camp where African political leaders are flogged to death."—Reuters.

LAST SNARK FIRED

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 6. A missile era ended here on Monday when the U.S. Air Force fired the last Snark in its research and training programme. The launching followed the successful 1,600-mile flight of a longer-range Polaris.

An Air Force crew sent the Snark winging over the Atlantic on a 5,000-mile training flight. The "Snark" was America's first missile capable of intercontinental range. But it became a victim of advanced technology and eventually was overshadowed by the swifter, more powerful Atlas intercontinental range ballistic missile.—AP.

8 missing in gales and snow

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Eight fishermen were reported missing as gales and heavy snow hit northern Japan on Monday disrupting railway and communications.

Fear for the lives of the fishermen mounted as Coast Guard boats dispatched to their rescue failed to locate them. They were last reported clinging to the half-submerged Shinko Maru off the north Honshu coast.

A Maritime Safety Board official said the boat was capsized by strong winds and rough seas.

SIX INCHES

There were no reports of casualties on land however.

In Fukushima, north of Tokyo, where up to six inches of snow fell, telephone communications between Tokyo and Sendai, 190 miles northeast of Tokyo, were disrupted for about three hours because of power failure. Trains were also delayed and many homes went without electricity.

Mountainous areas in central Japan were also blanketed by heavy snowfalls.—AP.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Christian A. Herter issued the order yesterday, preventing the aid-receiving countries from buying goods with American credit in 19 "financially strong" countries. This is part of the effort to halt the drain on United States gold reserves.

The order stops countries receiving American aid from spending this money in the following countries: Japan, West Germany, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and Hongkong.

\$400 million

These countries said last year about US\$400 million worth of goods to under-developed nations through U.S. aid financing.

From now on, the US\$400 million a year business will go largely to U.S. suppliers. Countries spending their American aid money in the Hongkong market include South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

According to the Bank of Korea, the republic has been buying heavily in Hongkong in the last three years with US aid money. In 1958 it spent US\$3,165,048 (about HK\$18,993,888); in 1959, US\$2,421,325 (about HK\$14,527,950); and in 1960 from January 1 up to November 30, US\$2,740,109 (about HK\$16,494,054).

Indonesia has been asking Hongkong to process American aid cotton into yarn for her.

Heavy purchase

This year, a contract between Indonesia and Hongkong covered \$24,066,000 worth of American aid cotton which was to be processed into yarn in Hongkong at a cost of more than \$8 million.

The 1956 processing involved HK\$21 million worth of American aid cotton for Indonesia.

There have been heavy purchases of pharmaceuticals in Hongkong by Vietnam but no figures are available. According to a spokesman for the Vietnam Consulate here, the country has been purchasing from Hongkong with her own foreign exchange since 1950.

Tunku gives up

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 6. The Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, announced in the Malaysian House of Representatives today that he had decided to give up mediating in the West Irian issue.

He was "sorry" to have to leave the problem at "this important juncture."—Reuters.

LIGHT AND A LIFE BURN OUT IN REFRIGERATOR

New York, Dec. 5. A little boy's curiosity... a flashlight... a vacant apartment... an empty refrigerator. This was the outline of a neighborhood tragedy that took the life of eight-year-old Robert Ingraham last night. Not long ago, Robert, the son of a building superintendent, received a handsome gift from a family moving from the neighborhood. The present—a shiny, flashlight—became a near-obsession with the boy. For hours,

as small boys will, he explored the dark places in the neighbourhood—mucky basements, gloomy stairwells, storerooms and odd corners. Friends accused him of even taking the light to bed with him. During most of his waking hours he kept the flashlight fastened to a string tied around his waist. For three days Robert probed every nook and cranny in the area. Came yesterday. When Robert didn't come home for dinner last night, his frantic father, John Ingraham, called, police

and a widespread search began. Detective Christopher Kelly went to the basement apartment recently vacated by the neighbours who had given Robert the flashlight and began a thorough search. His fears were realised when he finally opened the door of a refrigerator. Robert's slight body was curled up inside. The boy still grasped his precious flashlight. But the battery had burned out. The light had died with him.—AP.

WORLD COMMUNIST PARTIES EXCLUDE WAR IN SPITE OF CAPITALISTS

Berlin, Dec. 5. Leaders of the 81 Communist parties which met in Moscow at the "summit" conference which ended last week said today it was possible to exclude war from the world even while capitalism still existed in part of it.

Will soviet experts return to China?

London, Dec. 5. Western diplomats here are watching to see if Soviet experts will return to China and if the distribution of Chinese publications will be resumed in the Soviet Union, following the Moscow "summit" conference of Communist parties.

Mr. Liu Shao-chi, China's head of state and chief of the Chinese delegation, at the Moscow conference, indicated in a speech in Moscow today that there was full and unbreakable unity between the two countries' Communist parties.

"The Chinese and Soviet peoples are forever the closest brothers and forever trustworthy comrades in arms," he declared.

NO FURTHER REASON

Diplomats here said that, in that event, there was presumably no further reason for the Soviet Union holding back technicians from China or for Chinese periodicals failing to appear in the Soviet Union.

Last August numerous reports circulated in the Western world that the Soviet Union had withdrawn considerable numbers of technicians employed on economic projects in China, though they were never officially confirmed. These reports were believed by Western governments.

Similarly, reports reached Western governments that distribution was stopped in the Soviet Union during the summer of a Chinese monthly entitled China.

COMMON FEELING

A common feeling here is that the Soviet leader, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, has temporarily prevailed over the Chinese at the Moscow conference, but that Sino-Soviet differences remain under the surface.—Reuters.

The Hague, Dec. 5.

Three Indonesians were killed and several taken prisoner by Dutch troops in mopping up operations against Indonesian troops who landed in West New Guinea two weeks ago, home affairs spokesman said today.

In a 20,000 word declaration published here tonight they pledged themselves to work for peace.

It said that with the imminent superiority of the forces of socialism there was a real possibility to "exclude war from the life of society even before socialism achieves complete victory on earth with capitalism still existing in a part of the world."

One of the main topics of the Moscow conference was said to have been the ideological dispute between Russia and China over whether war between Communist and capitalist countries is inevitable.

The conference which ended last week was extended and reports from Moscow said that some of the sessions had been stormy. A brief communique issued then, was the first public announcement that the Communist Party leaders had been in conference.

Dealing with the danger of war tonight's statement, said, "Imperialism has already inflicted two devastating wars on mankind and now threatened to plunge it into an even more terrible catastrophe. Monstrous means of mass annihilation and destruction have been developed which, if used in a new war, can cause upheaval of destruction to entire countries and reduce key centres of world industry and culture to ruins."

Not changed

But though the nature of imperialism has not changed "real forces have appeared that are capable of foiling its plans of aggression." The imperialists can no longer decide at will whether or not there should be a war. "The superiority of the forces of socialism over those of imperialism, of the forces of peace over those of war is becoming ever more marked in the world arena."

In the future "the superiority of the forms of socialism and peace will be absolute. In these conditions a real possibility will have arisen to exclude war from the life of society even before socialism achieves complete victory on earth with capitalism still existing in a part of the world," the statement added.

"The struggle against war cannot be put off until war breaks out for then it may prove too late for many areas of the globe and for their population to escape it."

Waged now

"The struggle against the threat of a new war must be waged now and not when atom and hydrogen bombs begin to fall and it must gain in strength from day to day." On colonialism it said, "The complete collapse of colonialism is imminent. The breakdown of the system of colonial slavery under the impact of the national liberation movement is a development ranking second in historic importance only to the formation of the world socialist system."—Reuters.

Ophelia losing her strength

Typhoon Ophelia, with reduced centre winds of 104 mph, today was located 921 miles east of Hokkaido, steadily moving away from Japan at 62 mph. The Fifth Air Force weather centre reported that Ophelia was rapidly losing its force and that it would not be regarded as a typhoon after today.—UPI.

Police swoop after bank raid

Liverpool, Dec. 5. Detectives swooped on a house here last night after safebreakers had stolen more than £5,000 in silver from a bank.

A number of men dashed from the house and jumped into a black saloon car. A detective threw himself on the front of the car as it sped away but was jolted off. Road blocks were immediately set up over a wide area. In what was Liverpool's biggest bank robbery, the intruders broke open the strong-room of a branch of the Midland Bank early yesterday.

UNSUCCESSFUL They tried unsuccessfully to pry open the main safe, believed to contain about £30,000. The thieves, using stolen oxy-acetylene torches on the strong-room's steel door, took away more than 50 linen bags each containing about £100 in silver—nearly all in shillings—and altogether weighing more than 11 hundredweight.—China Mail Special.

British ship on fire

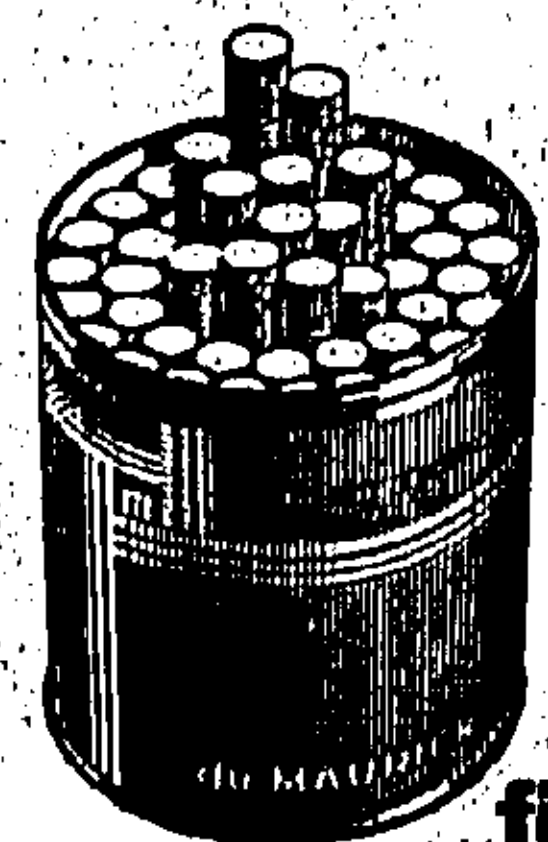
Rotterdam, Dec. 6. Dirkzwager's shipping agency said today the 5,441 ton British ship Harpallion radiated that she "has a bad fire in hold number one." Her position was given as in the Atlantic west of Land's End. The message said the Harpallion "needs all possible assistance from ships in that area."—AP.



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MOBUTU'S THREAT TO NILE

Will block important tributaries

Leopoldville, Dec. 5. Colonel Joseph Mobutu, the Congolese army chief, declared today he was ready to block two important tributaries of the Nile if Egypt and the Sudan supplied aid to a separate regime in Stanleyville.

"As a last resort I am ready to turn my whole army into labourers to cut the waters of the Nile," he told reporters.

Crew leave grounded vessel

New York, Dec. 5. A haggard crew of seafarers boarded a bus at Traverse City, today for New York, leaving the motor vessel Francisco Morazan—a 40-year Liberian freighter—grinding on the rocks off South Manitou Island.

Rebel officer surrenders

Djakarta, Dec. 5. The Indonesian Air Force announced today that it was holding captain Hadi Supandi, a senior officer of the Celebes based rebel air arm which in 1958 bombed foreign shipping and east Indonesian ports.

Col Mobutu said that Egypt and Sudan had reached a secret agreement to supply aid to the Stanleyville regime.

Lost an eye

But he said the breakaway threat was "empty words which I prefer to ignore."

Cut lines

Col Mobutu said he had not yet attacked the rebels there because of United Nations criticisms to avoid bloodshed.

Where customer must like it or else

Berlin, Dec. 5. The state-owned radio factory in the Communist East German city of Halle not only believes the customer is always wrong, it threatens those who complain.

Christian Melzig, two months ago wrote a letter to the Communist youth newspaper, Young World, to complain that a radio from the Halle factory did not work properly.

BE CAREFUL

He then received a letter from the factory's service department saying "We urgently request you to be a little more careful with that type of press complaint. It could have very uncomfortable results for you."

Lawyer wants expense money

Cologne, Dec. 5. The lawyer for Adolf Eichmann, former Nazi official awaiting trial in Israel, said today he would not go to Israel unless he receives money for his expenses.

Algerians amazed at disappearance of Lagailarde

Algiers, Dec. 5. News of the disappearance of French rightist Pierre Lagailarde, leader of the "barricades" uprising in Algiers last January, was greeted here with amazement tempered later with concern over the meaning of his "vanishing act."

The Algerian radio broadcast the news, which spread like wildfire through the city. Those who heard the news by word-of-mouth were tempted at first to treat it with some disbelief, and as "just another rumour."

Lagailarde and other "barbarians" in the month-long "barricades" trial in Paris had been granted "provisional release" but were obliged to appear at all trial sessions. Today, Lagailarde and four others failed to appear. Some reports said they had fled to Spain.

IN FAVOUR

The majority of the Europeans in Algeria had followed the trial with interest and felt that it was proceeding more or less in favour of the defendants with whom the European population had many times expressed solidarity.

Warrants for the arrest of four other trial defendants, who disappeared at the same time as Lagailarde, were issued tonight. The Armed Forces Ministry announced.—AFP.

Diplomats expelled

Havana, Dec. 5. Cuba today ordered the expulsion of the entire Paraguayan diplomatic corps here. The order was made public by the Cuban Foreign Ministry.—AFP.

New deadlock in Laos peace talks

Savannakhet, Dec. 5. Rightwing rebel leaders today recalled their 19-man bloc of National Assembly delegates from the royal capital, Luang Prabang, in a move underlining new deadlock in efforts to negotiate a peaceful end to Laos' four-month-old civil strife.

The delegates had been sent to Luang Prabang last Friday for the full 50-member Assembly meeting proposed by rebel chief General Phoumi Nosavan to discuss possibility of forming a coalition government.

Phoumi's proposal at first was accepted by a seven-man Assembly delegation from non-traditional Vientiane but was rejected by demonstrators in the administrative capital. Phoumi has charged the demonstrations were Communist staged.

Phoumi in turn rejected an alternative offer by neutralist Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma's regime to hold peace talks in Vientiane claiming Assembly action there would be under pro-Communist Pathet Lao influence.—AP.

Blue Streak offer to Europe

London, Dec. 5. The Aviation Minister, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, told the House of Commons today that Britain's Blue streak rocket would be offered to European space research organisations provided the Government decided to continue to develop the Blue streak as a satellite-launching vehicle.

The Blue streak, originally planned as an atomic missile, was dropped a few months ago by the Government, for economy reasons.—AFP.

Detention act

New Delhi, Dec. 5. The Lower House of India's parliament today passed a three-year extension of the preventive detention act which empowers the government to arrest people and detain them without trial.

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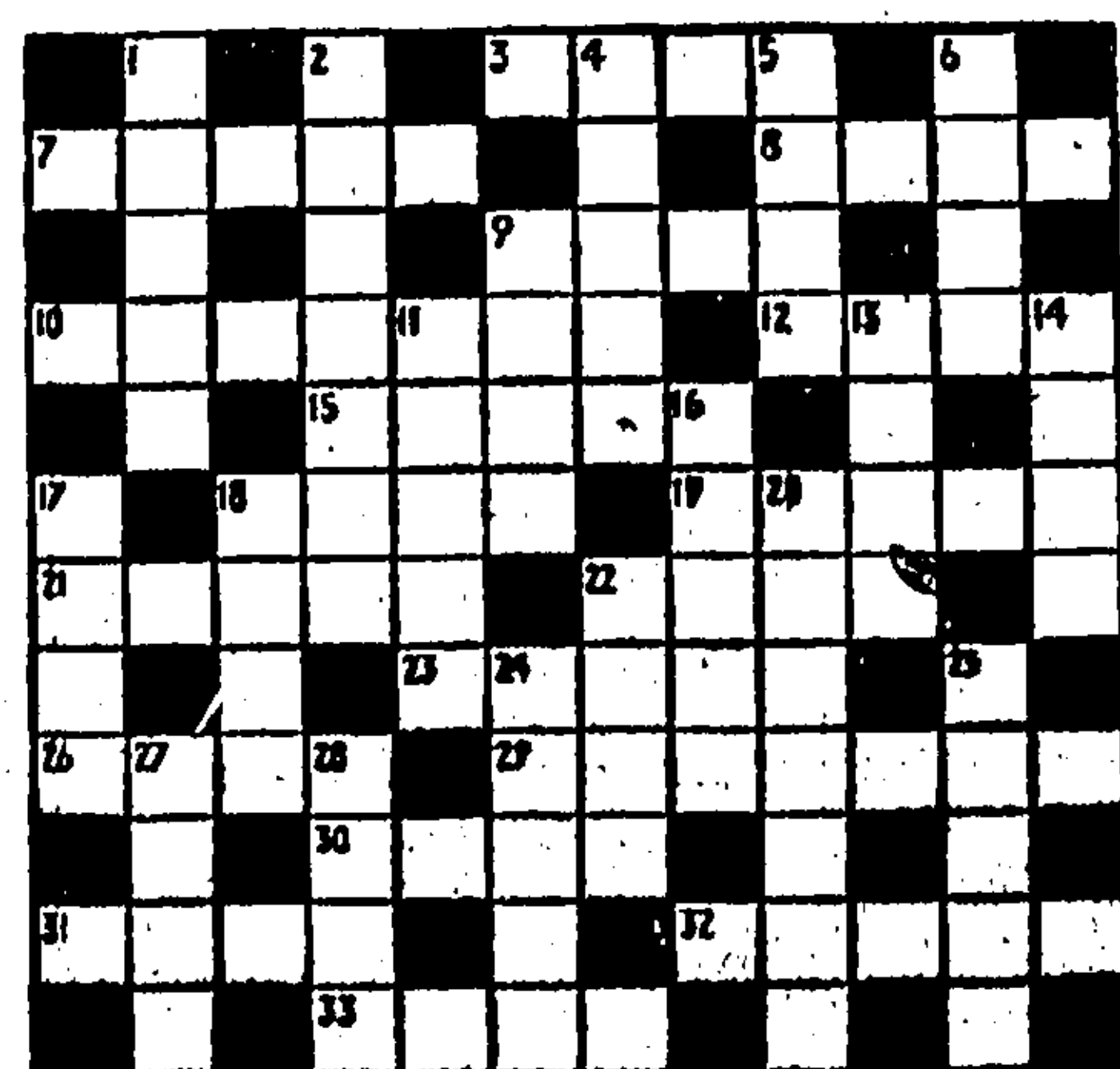
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- 8 Some land (4).
- 9 Real bargain (4).
- 10 Excessive self-esteem (7).
- 12 Water holder (4).
- 16 Broken by winners (5).
- 18 Unfitness (4).
- 21 Small medicine-bottle (5).
- 21 N European (5).
- 22 Seaside feature (4).
- 23 Means of access (5).
- 25 Odes down (4).
- 28 Animal's outstret (7).
- 30 Bionic arm (4).
- 31 Fare list (4).
- 32 Unnatural watercourse (5).
- 33 Container weight (4).

DOWN

- 1 Handy for conducting (5).
- 2 Put into office (7).
- 4 Great infernal poet (5).
- 5 Neck part (4).
- 6 Priciness, in a sense (4).
- 9 Small quantities (4).
- 11 Made more comfortable (5).
- 13 River barrier (4).
- 14 Aerial manoeuvre (4).
- 16 Architectural high-point (5).
- 17 Extends invitation (4).
- 18 Lamb, for instance (4).
- 20 Jute cloth (7).
- 22 Not affluent (4).
- 24 Scat (5).
- 25 It's the end (5).
- 27 Not one-sided (4).
- 28 Black-spot (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Oxtail, 2 O-geo, 3 Congo, 10 Cooed, 11 Test, 13 Beaufort, 15 Road, 16 Bomb, 19 Alarm-bells, 23 Ease, 24 Tummy, 25 Older, 26 Dams, 27 Dimple.—Down: 2 Panda, 3 In-off, 4 Nectar, 6 Root-tree, 8 Bed, 9 Cress, 12 Tides, 13 Bible, 14 Noblemen, 17 Mason, 18 Prayed, 20 Broom, 21 Ladle, 23 Atom.

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POCKET CARTOON
BY FRIELL

"Well, it would be a waste of time sending a man over Britain to find out what the weather is like!"



"Oh well, it will be easy to find out when we come back."



"And talking of the gold problem at Fort Knox, Corporal Schultz, might I draw your attention to a sterling deficit right here on the slate?"



"It's my doctor, Miss Phillips. Middle-aged executives must take more exercise, he says. Now let's get on with the dictation."

MR HENRY COOPER, gentleman, lately of the county of Kent, now residing temporarily in Buckinghamshire, usually charges £10,000 to 'it you on the ooter—the trade term for a punch on the nose.

In some circles, Mr Cooper's fees might be held to be exorbitant, but such an attitude would be unrealistic and out of keeping with the times.

Some years ago, when Mr Cooper was plastering walls and ceilings as a means of livelihood, he might quite possibly have given you a comradely clip over the ear for nothing.

Mathematician

But that was before he met a rather remarkable mathematician named James Wicks, known in the higher echelons of society as the Bishop of Hermondestrey.

Mr Wicks, benign, balding, and inclined to ennui, was not always a mathematician. Once, many years ago, he was even known to go to work, though it is with obvious reluctance that he recalls these perspiring, profitless days as a stevedore and a fish porter.

Mr Wicks saw the light when he heard a bookmaker described as an angel—and promptly set out to do likewise. He also established for himself an enviable and distinguished reputation as a professional boxer, remaining undefeated throughout a meteoric career lasting best part of three minutes.

"The geezer I was fighting promised to fall over in Round Three—so I knocked 'im out in Round One," explained Mr Wicks, with a diffident addendum to the effect that a car-bundle on the back of his neck had lent some measure of urgency to the occasion.

Economics

But we digress. Let us get back to the day a distressed Mr Wicks discovered Mr Cooper hitting people on the nose without getting paid for it. A black day indeed. But an earnest talk on economics, the facts of life, and the frailties of human nature soon put matters to rights.

As a result, Mr Cooper is now the heavyweight champion of Great Britain and the British Empire, and Mr Wicks is his manager—a highly felicitous arrangement by which Mr Wicks gets 25 per cent of the take for 80 per cent of the talk.

It is my privilege to know Mr Cooper and Mr Wicks quite well, and I do not mind admit-

ting that it was with pride—out thought of profit, percentage, or personal gain. Honestly, it was a great moment for me. It restored one's faith.

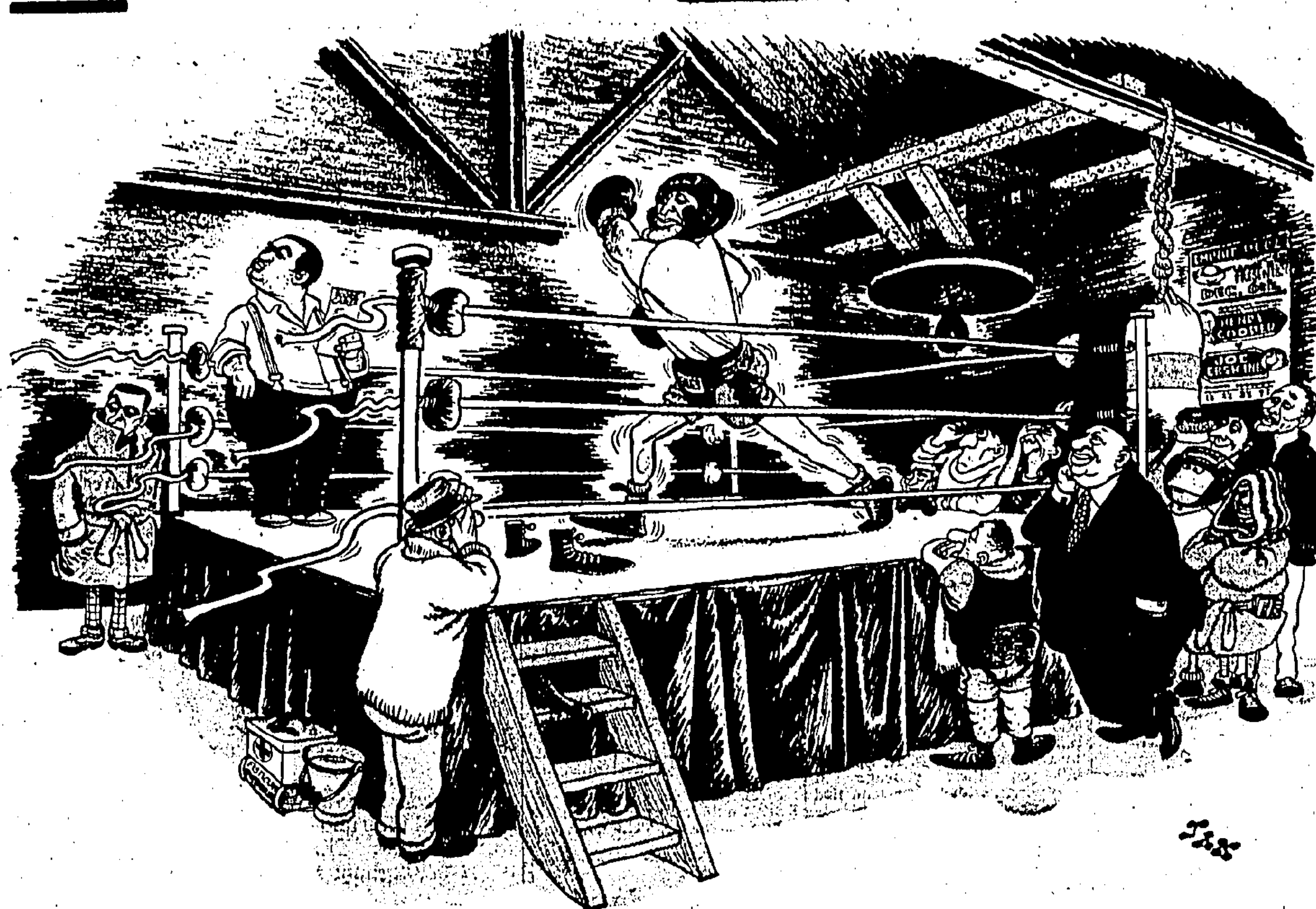
Jak, too, will come to realise and appreciate what a signal honour has been conferred upon his hitherto undistinguished face.

I asked, and was given—with- out thought of profit, percentage, or personal gain. Honestly, it was a great moment for me. It restored one's faith.

Yes, gentlemen, it was the famous left hook, wrapped in an orthodox, 12-ounce training glove, admittedly, but delivered on Jak's fast-receding chin with all the adroitness, skill and precision of which Henry Cooper, our champion, is capable.

And delivered, moreover, with Mr Wicks's personal permission—for free.

JAK (that's him up the pole) and GEORGE meet the Champ...



'Enery shows us (well, one of us) his famous left hook—for free!

"We done our left fork. Bust a knuckle. Else we'd have killed 'im," said Mr Wicks.

"Then Joe beat me for the title," said Mr Cooper.

"Daylight robbery, Erskine kidded to us," said Mr Wicks.

"Then I beat Joe on a knock-out and won the title," said Mr Cooper.

"Poor old Joe. We really did kill 'im that time," said Mr Wicks.

Questioned on the faint possi-

bility that Mr Erskine might retaliate in some measure today, Mr Wicks looked wounded—as though I had done a Brutus act in the middle of his back.

"Are you potty?" he demanded. "Enery will murder 'im. Today is my birthday."

GEORGE WHITING

(London Express Service.)

Invasion of Soviet Salmon

GERALD KEMMET

IT was a strange fish that was found in salmon nets off the coast of England recently. Nobody at the fishery company could say what it was. The mystery deepened when marine biologists identified it as *Oncorhynchus gorbusha*, a humped-backed salmon that lives in the warm coastal waters of the North Pacific.

How did the salmon find its way half across the world to the North Sea? Experts say the fish is only the spearhead of a massive invasion of Pacific salmon.

And the salmon are on their way, not from the Pacific but from the Arctic. They are Soviet salmon, released in Arctic waters by the Russians, who brought them 4,000 miles overland from the Manchurian sea-board.

Hatcheries

Millions of salmon eggs, packed in canisters at Sakhalin Island on Russia's Pacific coast, went by train to Murnansk, the Soviet seaport on the Arctic Circle.

The eggs were released into hatcheries in the estuaries that flow into the Barents Sea.

Now, shoals of Soviet salmon have made their way north and west round the tip of Scandinavia and are pressing on southwards towards our coasts in search of new feeding grounds.

Russia's Pacific coastline is rich in fish, but the area is barren and has a tiny population. Salmon for cities and industrial areas must be carried thousands of miles.

By stocking the seas nearer home the Russians hope to beat this supply problem.

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Divorce for 2s. 3d.

MOSCOW.

WE rose with a clatter of chairs as into the Moscow City Court walked pretty Judge Maria Ilyena, 23-year-old mother of two. She took her seat behind a bare brown table in the arid little room. On either side her deputies flanked her: a middle-aged man and an elderly woman. Moscow's divorce court was in session.

Through the afternoon, with clinical thoroughness, Judge Ilyena considered applications for divorce from her fellow-citizens.

The "postcard" divorce era is over for Russia. Everyone up to Nikita Khrushchev, wants to bolster and preserve marriage. But the procedure I watched is startlingly different from what we know in Britain.

Impolite

One case I watched concerned a worker in a musical instrument factory who claimed his wife had forced him to leave her.

He said that his wife had been impolite to his mother. Now he was living with his five-year-old son with another woman.

This case lasted 45 minutes. At the end of it Judge Ilyena said: "There will be no divorce. You have a wife who is ready to take you back and a son who loves you."

There were 18 of us in the church-like pews in the steam-heated court. The windows were misty inside, and outside were dusted with glittering sleet.

Those around me were divorce seekers, their neighbours, family and friends.

Apart from Judge Ilyena, in trim green sweater and light skirt, the court was absolutely innocent of a lawyer. All questions came from her.

My over-all impression was one of determination to save the marriage if possible as the questioned wife, husband, mother-in-law, and even baby neighbours. It all made sense to me.

The second case was typical of the cases of childless marriages ending in divorce.

The wife, a trim young student of social science, said: "I don't love my husband any more. There is another man whom I met two months ago."

Judge Ilyena: You must be a quick person. How long did you know your first husband before you married him—Six weeks.

Beside me an old lady, quite fondles, chuckled, and whispered loudly: "The girls took their time more in my day."

Through the court, Judge Ilyena ordered silence.

Judge Ilyena thought that the wife's passion for her husband had evaporated when she met her present boy friend.

But she listened to neighbours who said the marriage had never been happy, and granted the divorce, with the wife paying 500 roubles (just under £18) costs. The money will go to an orphanage.

Not all the decrees were as expensive as that. A grovelling woman of 37, attractive, and the husband and wife appear before a local Justice of the Peace and state whether they want a divorce or not.

Then the person seeking a divorce must advertise in the local newspaper. One in Moscow usually carries between 30 and 40 such announcements each day.

Difficulties

Then there is a wait, three months, sometimes six, before the court hearing. It is difficult for couples with children to get a divorce in Russia, but there is no equivalent of the marriage counsellors who do so much good work in Britain.

Marriages are expected to last longer and longer as new homes are built and as overcrowding at the family level is eased.

At last the day's list ended. I followed the Judge in a green sweater out. And she told me her philosophy.

"I am happily married. So I don't like giving divorce to others."

ROSS MARK

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Sir Basil pulls out a very big plum... WITH HIS

CATHEDRAL BEHIND HIM... NOW FOR AN EMBASSY

BY ANNE SHARPLEY

ONCE already Sir Basil Spence has been called on to find our modern answer to an old, prodigious attainment to which most of us in our secret, timid hearts believe there can be no reply.

To ask a man to build a cathedral in this century is to ask him to speak to Shakespeare, play to Bach, paint for Piero della Francesca.

Yet his Coventry Cathedral stands roofed and almost ready. "But I do believe in building cathedrals," he said, stamping his foot, to one of the great men of our time who suggested this was not a century for new cathedrals.

And now we are asking him to wrestle with another giant. He is to design the new British Embassy in Rome to replace the one blown up by the Stern gang in 1947.

A great prestige plum, and certainly the greatest to be pulled out of the Ministry of Works pile since Sir Edwin Lutyens was given the British Embassy in Washington in 1931.

But unlike Sir Edwin's agreeable and easily solved task of setting a handsome building on its own, among trees, along an unencumbered unimpeded thoroughfare—Sir Basil has to build for Rome.

And not merely Rome at large—but for a corner of it dominated by Michelangelo. Michelangelo's great gateway into Rome, the Porta Pia, stands close to where the new Embassy will arise. A challenge quite as considerable as the old portico of Coventry Cathedral which he has already had to build against—with all its Gothic superiority.

Our answer

Roman eyes, so used to architecture, so understanding of its forms—will inevitably travel from Michelangelo's frowning piece of architecture to what the British have put next to it. What is to be our answer to that great awe-inspiring gateway with its castellations, pediments, and carvings? "It will be a British palazzo in marble and concrete. There

like the Elizabethans, tears rush readily to his eyes, his dreams do not embarrass him, nor his tasks dispirit.

"It will not be a glassy building," he says, thinking of the mercurial UNESCO building in Paris, the glasshouse at which nearly all architects have thrown stones.

"It will be marble, and travertine—the Roman Portland stone. And a great deal of shade. I would like it to be raised on great strong mushroom shaped columns—with a grand staircase of marble and concrete.

He looks at a scale model of the site that the Ministry of Works have supplied. There is the Porta Pia, the Roman wall on the other boundary and the six-and-a-half-acre of garden that we bought originally in 1877.

Romantic

He pats one of the wire-and-rubber-sponge model trees lovingly—and intently.

"That's a magnificent Roman pine, 60ft. high, a wonderful tree. The hint is taken. He belongs after all to the projection of the 18th Century. People want somewhere to hang their washing," is his explanation.

The sweet smile of continued success—Sir Basil Spence and friend.



Whose monastery cloisters were always thickly shaded by some huge cedar. Whose love and understanding of trees is surely greater than that of any other nation.

"Yes," he answers, "I shall build my entrance around that tree. Romantic, I know, but it is a splendid tree."

It is typical of his kindness (rather than romanticism) that in his new scheme for blocks of flats in the Gorbals he has given each flat a terrace garden outside. "The result will be a remarkable looking building with rows of people wanting somewhere to hang their washing," is his explanation.

Thirty years later (that young man, now Sir Basil (the "Sir" optional and mostly forgotten) is given the Embassy of Rome to do. Not as expensive a job, it is true (£250,000)—but a greater test.

It is a building on which British architecture will be judged.

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WOMANSENSE

LADY LUCK
your
CHINA MAIL
horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Try to put a stop to distracting interruptions at work, or your efficiency will be impaired.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A friend's action may seem far from prudent, but your interference might easily be resented.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't give in to a member of the family who always insists on getting his own way. He must learn to be more considerate of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): When planning preparations for the festive season, take care not to deplete your funds prematurely on trifles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Relations in the family circle could do with improvement, and you may be able to bring it about with a few well chosen words.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A friend's fourth wedding anniversary ought to be celebrated with a gift of fruit and flowers.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Your special knowledge will come in very useful at a meeting requiring more than the usual exchange of ideas.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): If you listen too much to well-meaning friends you might be led into an embarrassing situation.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Be very careful how you word an important letter. An ambiguous statement could cause a serious misunderstanding.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Don't turn a deaf ear to a friend's appeal for help. You may be the only one to whom he feels he can turn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Be careful not to pass on some information which you never should have obtained in the first place.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): An artistic pursuit will give you a great deal of pleasure, even though you are not able to devote much time to it.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If this is your birthday, look out for TERRACOTTA. It ought to bring you luck.

Cossack

crazy

HATS THAT SHOW NO PERSONALITY

By A CORRESPONDENT

WE have a genius for squeezing every ounce of appeal out of a pedestrian garment—the twinset, the raincoat, even the pleated skirt can have its small moment of triumph when worn by one of us—but we are not good on hats.

Take the cossack, for instance—probably you have already. The vogue for cossacks was in vogue long before the war, but it has now gone beyond a faddy, funny joke....

Style for all

I would almost like to inaugurate a Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Cossacks—the inanimate kind—except the "Royal" love them too. Every female member of the Royal Family wears one on Remembrance Sunday.

This shape has now reached the position occupied before by the Eve Bartok cloche—that is on top of every h-t-wearing woman's head in the country. The Milliners Guild seems to think at least 2,000,000 are going around at this minute.

Saturation point could reasonably be expected any day now, but there's a lot of life left in the old hat yet. Satin cossacks, for Christmas is a

street in store, followed holly by stiffened nylon ones.

Although the manufacturers say they won't be making another one in the New Year, I've already seen in several spring collections the cossack creeping through, even though it may be worn pushed to the back of the head and with a small brim.... and why not? The public just will not let go, not for some time until a new shape is evolved slowly by varying the cossack shape little by little each season.

We like to be different, except when it comes to a hat—and that would apparently just be asking for trouble. That's why today seen from the top of a bus Oxford-street, Park Lane and even Horse-street, E.17, look as if they have been successfully invaded by female strays from Siberia.

Such a pity, because now the hat is no clue to the personality.... a hundred to one it's a cossack. I'm just off to buy a beret....

Helen Burke's cooking column

CABBAGE, in one form or another, will be with us for the remainder of the year and the first few months of 1961.

In homes where cabbage is liked, there is no problem. The housewife has, by now, discovered the best ways of cooking cabbage.

During the war, the Ministry of Food must have spent a million telling Britons how to cook cabbages in what my mother always called the "waterless way," which was not quite that.

The Ministry's way was to quarter the cabbage or cut it

into eighths—depending on its size, then, after removing the core, cut the cabbage into thin strips. Get a cup of salted water boiling very hard, drop the cabbage into it, cover tightly and boil hard for 15 minutes.

I suggest seven minutes, which, in any case is likely to stretch to 10 to 12 minutes and that is more than enough.

A CLAIM

My mother always claimed that no self-respecting cook would ever boil cabbage "plain." The only excuse for cooking it, she said, was when the bone, the last of a ham, was available to impart its delicious flavour.

Well, these days, few of us have a ham often enough to make use of the bone. I suggest, instead, a nice lump of butter or a finely chopped rash of bacon be added to the drained, cooked cabbage.

Incidentally, when I write of cabbage, I include Brussels sprouts, which are little cabbages on a stem.

Another delicious way is to serve the cabbage in sauce. Boil the cabbage the quick way, as above. For a good-sized one, melt a scant ounce of butter in another pan and gently cook ½-oz. flour in it. Strain the cabbage water into this, then add enough top milk to make the sauce the consistency of thick cream.

Add a good pinch of grated nutmeg and pepper and salt to taste. Turn the cooked cabbage into this sauce and mix well.

Rupert and the Purple Star—8



What has started Rupert is a small object lying between his paws. It is an object with five points. "It's another starfish," he mutters. Another purple one? "It's mutters. Going to it he bends down to pick it up. Then he topples back in fright for barely has he touched

FASHION NEWS FOCUS



by Barbara Griggs



Mrs. Rawlings: as she was (inset), and as she is now. "I am afraid there is no hope for me," she wrote in her letter, but the camera shows how wrong she was.

PICTURES BY JOHN COLE

More than most this type needs a Candid Friend...

YOU'RE in your fifties; you have your hands full, looking after your husband, running your home and keeping up with your children.

It's years since you had time to sit down and think hard about your appearance, though sometimes, when your husband takes you out, you wish, somehow, you could manage to look rather better than you do.

This—judging from the huge number of letters I received when I launched my Candid Friend contest—recently—is the predicament of enormous numbers of my readers.

So I picked one of them as my third and last winner just to see how much could be done about it.

Mrs. Doris Rawlings, my winner, was in precisely that rut, as she said herself. She is 52, and her husband, their home, and three children—one of whom is still at home—absorb most of her time and thought.

"I am afraid there is no hope for me," her letter said sadly. Together, we proved her blissfully wrong.

First point, as almost always, was hair. A bad perm had left her rather thin, pepper-and-salt hair, looking dry and dispirited.

At French of London she was given a brown rinse, to level out the colour in her hair, before Ivor cut it a little and set it into a softer, gentler shape with a flick forwards on to her very high, round brow.

Cruel colours

Colours: the hard pine green of the coat she arrived wearing was cruel to her; black, and the dark classic colours, tended to drown her, and pastels to look wishy-washy.

Best on her were warm deep colours like Goya brown, lacquer red, midnight blue.

Her figure slid with enviable ease into a size 12, though her suit will have its jacket altered on the shoulders to a better fit; and the skirt will be shortened to about 2in. below the knee. Too long skirts such as she wore don't make a thinish figure look less so.

The suit we chose was a warm, deep blue and black check, in a near-classic shape; long slightly flared jacket, straight skirt, it came from Jaeger, price 15½ guineas.

Mrs. Rawlings thought her neck too long; I took advantage of this and filled in the neckline with a thick black fur scarf. At the same shop we picked a giant gift, leaf pin with a big pearl to bloom in her lapel, and matched the pearl with plain pearl earrings.

White gloves, a black patent bag, low-heeled black patent pumps completed a highly successful appearance.

Mrs. Rawlings doesn't usually bother with make-up round the house, but admitted defeat when it came to outings with her husband.

At Helena Rubinstein they plucked straggly brows and showed her how to apply a very gentle make-up with pinky-red lipstick.

Her eyes are very deep set; they taught her to emphasise them with a little shadow on the lids and a faint shading of eyebrow pencil—too marked brows would have made her eyes look hollower.

The camera gives a charming hint of her delight at the end of the day.

Scooter! bridal dress

I DON'T expect to hear of a more original idea than the bridal outfit a dress-hire firm is putting into its range for next season.

Designed for scooter-honeymoons, it looks like a long, full-skirted dress in white broderie anglaise with a satin cummerbund—until after the wedding when dress and skirt whip off to reveal a natty scootering outfit of top, cummerbund, and sleek broderie anglaise pants.

Look—a new Greco

THE most famous long locks in Europe have fallen—well, some of them.

Juliette Greco, whose long, tangled black mane strayed characteristically over old, black sweaters and mink-coats alike, has given in at last to the pleas of her hair-dresser and abandoned about six inches.

New style is just below ear length with ends, flicked outwards and a low thick fringe.

The transformation from Left Bank Beat into Avenue-Matignon Mordant is now complete; new nose, shorter hair, bigger bank-balance and lots of delicious couture clothes.

The old, sullen, long-haired, black-sweatered Greco—whom many people, including myself, will perversely prefer—must now go finally into storage along with other nostalgic memories of postwar Paris.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Punch Takes A Walk

He And Tabby Visited Strange Little Stores

By MAX TRELL

"YOU'D BE surprised," said Mr Punch to Knarf and Hand, the Shadow Children, with the Turned-About Names, "how many strange little stores and shops there are in our town."

"Most folks don't know anything about them. As a matter of fact, I didn't know anything about them, either, until last night when I happened to go out for a walk with the Cat."

Knarf and Hand urged Mr Punch to tell them about his walk with the Cat and about the strange little shops and stores that he said so few folks knew about.

"Well," said Mr Punch, "everyone in the house was asleep and I was beginning to feel a little sleepy myself, when who should come along but old Mrs Tabby, Cat."

"Good evening, Tabby," said Mr Punch.

"Good evening, Punch," said Tabby.



"Good evening, Tabby," Punch said to the Cat.

"I see you've got your shopping bag," I said to Tabby. "Don't tell me—you're going shopping at this hour of the night?"

"Indeed I am," said Tabby. "That's the only time my kind of stores are open."

"What did she mean?"

"So," said Mr Punch to Knarf and Hand, "I decided to go with old Tabby and find out exactly what she meant by her kind of stores."

"The first store we came to," Mr Punch continued, "sold purrs and meows. It also sold barks and growls and woofs—but that was another department."

Here Knarf interrupted to ask what a purr looked like. At the same time, Hand said loudly that she would like to know whether you bought purrs and meows and barks and growls and woofs by the pound, as you did butter, or by the quart, as you did milk, or by the piece, as you did a piece of cloth.

Mr Punch said simply, as if that were the answer to their questions. Then he went on:

"And there was another store that sold tails."

"Tails?" asked Hand. "What kind of tails?" asked Knarf.

"All kinds of tails," replied Mr Punch. "There were curly tails for Cats. There was a large selection of wagging tails for Dogs. There were long beautiful tails for Horses. There were Sparrow-tails and Robin-tails and Squirrel-tails and Rabbit-tails."

"I bet," said Knarf, who was reminded of something he had seen earlier that day in a book, "there weren't any comet-tails, kite-tails, and coat-tails," concluded Mr Punch. "I don't want to forget Mouse-tails," he quickly added.

"I guess," said Hand, "those two stores must have sold everything strange and funny in our whole town."

"Not at all, my dear," said Mr Punch. "Right next to them was another store that sold ticks and ticks for clocks because, as everyone knows, some clocks like ticks and some clocks like tocks."

"I like tocks," said Knarf. "You're not a clock!" said Hand severely. "And what else did they sell?" she asked Mr Punch.



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JACOBY on BRIDGE

Today's hand represents a new kind of bridge problem. Look at the North and South hands. You will see that they will make a grand slam in spades. You will also see that it is easy to bid to six, but hard to get to seven on any logical series of bids.

If South uses Blackwood he will never be able to find out about that singleton ace of hearts; if North tries Blackwood he will never find out about that singleton diamond. Nevertheless the bidding in the box is a logical way to reach seven.

The opening spade bid and jump to three spades are normal enough. South's four club bid shows the ace of that suit and suggests slam possibilities. North accepts by showing his ace of diamonds at the four level and South bids five diamonds to show that he has

NORTH 16			
♠	QJ874		
♥	A984		
♦	A87		
♣			
WEST			
♠	Q862	♥	J10975
♥	KJ7	♦	Q10832
♦	9852	♣	J10
EAST			
♠		♥	
♥		♦	
♦		♣	
SOUTH (D)			
♠	AK10985		
♥	AJ3		
♦	AJ43		
♣			
Both vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♠	Pass
Opening lead—♥K			

second round control of that suit. South still does not want to be in a slam. If North can't take care of one of the first two heart leads,

Now North bids five hearts and South knows about all the cards. He is sure of six and can afford to bid six clubs as a try for seven.

At this point North can bid the grand slam. He knows about the ace and king of clubs. South has shown them. He knows about second round diamond control. South has shown that. He is looking at the singleton ace of hearts and while he can't see the ace and king of spades he knows that South would not be trying for a grand slam without both those cards.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1NT Pass 3♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 7

You, South, hold:
♠KJ38 ♥QJ32 ♦A8765
Your three club bid was Stayman and asked for a major suit bid. What do you now?

A—With four hearts. With six high card points only you do not want to get into the slam range.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again your partner has opened two no-trump. You hold:
♠KJ432 ♥QJ32 ♦K751 ♣A8
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

Why not a Cricket Olympiad?

SIX-COUNTRY CRICKET FESTIVAL
DURING ENGLISH SUMMER
SUGGESTED AS FIRST STEP

London, Dec. 5.

A Festival of Cricket to embrace a whole English summer is one of the latest plans to arrive at Lord's.

It is proposed to have six cricketing countries—England, Australia, West Indies, India, Pakistan and New Zealand—here in one season. There would be 30 three-day Tests, and each of the 17 first class counties would stage at least one Test. It would be Test cricket all over England, possibly as soon as 1962.

To make up for this ambitious programme, the County Championship would be reduced to 14 matches for each county, there being no return fixtures. Instead the counties would all their fixture lists with matches against all the touring countries, the universities and other sides.

The scheme has been devised by a long-time club cricketer Mr. Charles Jones, of the Forest Hill Club.

He is not unknown in big cricket for thirty years ago he originated the first Sunday home-fixture games which have now become a regular feature of producing large sums of money for professionals. During the war Mr. Jones formed and organised the successful London Counties team.

'Not dying'

"Some people say that first-class cricket is dying. I don't believe it," says Charlie Jones. "To my mind the game is all right, but it is not being played the right way. We have got to get it back on its feet again, and I feel sure that three-day Test matches with the world's leading personalities taking part could be the answer."

Mr. Jones, a retired businessman, explained that he has worked out his scheme to the last detail including estimated income for all participants, a draft fixture list and the formation of the England team.

"I have not included South Africa for the time being because of the colour bar pro-

blem. If they were willing and were acceptable to all the other countries it would not be difficult to bring them in," said Jones.

The visiting countries must send their best players, otherwise the plan could fall like the Triangular Tournament of 1912 when Australia brought only a shadow side.

Paying proposition

Even in a wet season, Jones considers the scheme would be a paying proposition. His budget includes a fee of £1,000 for each of the 90 Test men taking part. All profits are to be pooled by the contestants.

The overall costs would probably amount to £180,000. "If the captains continue to

make immunity from defeat their first consideration, the venture would fail completely," emphasised Mr. Jones.

"We have got to get back the old spirit of cricket with every player striving for a positive result, win or lose. Then the crowds will flock to the grounds."

Mr. Jones has already outlined his plan to Mr. Ronnie Aird, secretary of the MCC and he expects that it will be submitted to the new committee which is being set up to inquire into the future of first-class cricket.

"This could be the birth of a cricket Olympiad," was Jones' final comment. "We will follow the athletes and take the game round the world say every four years."—AP.

Ogimura is men's top seed for Asian Table Tennis Championships

Bombay, Dec. 5.

Japan's Ichiro Ogimura heads the seedings in the men's singles of the fifth Asian Table Tennis Championships beginning here on Saturday.

Crowned the national men's singles champion last Sunday, Sudhir Thackeray is the only Indian among the seeded eight of whom four are Japanese.

The seedings

Seventy-four entries have been accepted, with 62 playing in the tournament proper. Two from the remaining 12 will be selected in a qualifying round.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Cricket
RAF Singapore v Combined Services at Kereela, 10.30 am.
Rugby
Entries for Royal Hongkong Jockey Club Fifth Meeting close at noon.

TOMORROW
Cricket
RAF Singapore v Combined Services at Kereela, 11 am.

The draw for the other events will be held tomorrow.
The All-India Table Tennis Federation has banned sandwich bats, effective next May 1.—AP.

THRILLING FIVE-SET FINAL

Azam Khan retains British Open Squash title for third successive year

London, Dec. 5.

Azam Khan, professional to the New Gramplains Club, London, won the British Open Squash Rackets title for the third successive year at the Royal Automobile Club, London, tonight.

The 35-year-old Pakistani, who succeeded his elder brother, Hashim, as the world's No. 1 player, beat his nephew, Mohibullah Khan, also of Pakistan 6/9, 9/1, 9/4, 9/9, 9/2 in a thrilling five-game final.

Sparkling match

It was a sparkling match, and far closer than their previous meeting in the final two years ago. Then Azam gave away only six points in winning in three games, but the champion found 22-year-old Mohibullah a different proposition this time.

The agile Mohibullah gave a spectacular display of retrieving against Azam's best shots and he played well enough on his own account to take the first and fourth games.

The first he won on merit before Azam had warmed to his task, but the fourth saw the champion saving his energy for the final battle.

The fourth game ended spectacularly in Mohibullah's

favour when he provided in the corner of the court, his racket several feet away yet won the point as Azam played the ball off the wall, and against his own body.

In the final game Azam showed his superiority in every aspect and in spite of some brilliant retrieving, Mohibullah was well beaten.

Third place

In the newly-instituted play-off for third place, Dennis Hughes the Welsh and British amateur international lost to the other Pakistani, Roshan Khan, 3/9, 0/9, 3/9. Roshan, last year's finalist, showed none of the signs of the injury which lost him the semi-final on Friday against Mohibullah, and at one stage scored 17 points in a row without conceding one.—AP.

Interport hockey trial team

The following have been selected to play for the probable Hongkong Interport team in a trial match against Macensis A on Sunday at 2.30 pm at the Kereela ground:

Goalkeeper: Kadir (Prisons).
Full-backs: Dillon (Nav Bharat) and Ollphant (Army).
Half-backs: Valoma (Macensis), R. A. Silva (Recro), Bowell/Castello (Army/Recro).
Forwards: Alonco (Recro), Dalah (IRC), Narbu Lana (Army), Gardner (Nav Bharat), Gutierrez (Recro).
Reserves: Pettifer (Army), Yacub Khan (Nav Bharat), J. Colucci (Recro).
Umpires: W. O. Robertson and H. C. W. Crebas.

Joffre, Halimi named boxers of the month

New York, Dec. 5.

Eder Joffre of Brazil, whose powerful right hand brought him America's version of the world bantamweight boxing crown last month, and Europe's bantamweight king Alphonse Halimi have been named Ring Magazine's Boxers of the Month for November.

Joffre knocked out Elroy Sanchez of Mexico in the sixth round in Los Angeles to win the National Boxing Association title. Halimi, a French-Algerian, took the European version of the crown by outpointing Freddie Gilroy in a 15-round.

Joffre and Halimi will clash soon in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Joffre's home town for the universally recognized title. The top spot became vacant when champion Jose Beerra of Mexico retired.

The Magazine in its January issue rated Joffre and Halimi even in the bantamweight division. There were several changes in other divisions, though not for the top spots. Italy's Giulio Rinaldi, who stunned the boxing world with a non-title victory over Archie Moore in the light-heavyweight division advanced from fifth to second place among the challengers. Chic Calderwood of Scotland still was rated the No. 1 challenger for ageless Archie's spot. The National Boxing Association no longer recognises Moore as champion because of his failure to defend his crown since August 1959.—AP.

Scottish FA Cup draw

Glasgow, Dec. 6.

The draw for the first round of the Scottish Football Association Cup competition, to be played on January 28, was made here today as follows:

Third Lanark vs Stenhousemuir.
Elgin City vs Altrincham.
Hearts vs Turf Rovers.
Clyde vs Hibernian.
Peebles Rovers vs Gala Fairydean.
Montrose vs Albion Rovers.
Keith vs East Fife.
Falkirk vs Celtic.
Queen of South vs St Johnstone.

Queen's Park vs Arbroath.
Berwick vs Dunfermline.
Alloa vs East Stirling.
Deveron Vale vs Stirling Albion.

The following teams have byes into the second round: Aberdeen, Arbroath, Brechin City, Buckle Thistle, Cowdenbeath, Dumbarton, Dundee, Dundee United, Duns, Forfar Athletic, Hamilton Academical, Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Morton, Partick Thistle, Raith Rovers, Rangers, St Mirren and Stranraer Reuter.

UK soccer result

London, Dec. 5.

Crews Alexandra beat Hailfax Town 3-0 in their English Football Association Cup second round replay at Crews today.

Crews will now meet Chelsea away in the third round.

MIDWINTER FIXTURES
Midweek English soccer fixtures for next week are:
MONDAY, DEC. 12:
League Cup—fourth round
Aston Villa vs Plymouth Argyle.

Tuesday vs Everton.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14:
League Cup—fourth round
Preston vs Chelsea.
Shrewsbury vs Norwich City, Reuter.

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AIR FRANCE

ON THE BALL

with Bill Slater

GIVE PLAYERS SHARE OF TRANSFER FEES

George Eastham now faces another struggle—to prove that he is worth the £47,500 which Arsenal paid for him.

He has the ability, of course. But it must be given time to show itself. My view is that the Arsenal supporters should not expect too much too soon.

The big developments in football in recent years have nearly all been concerned with group skill. Football is now a team game in the full sense. More than ever before, there is need for understanding between players and this can be achieved only over a period of time.

Man for the job

It is true that Denis Law was immediately at home when he joined Manchester City and, to judge by newspaper reports, there have never been doubts about his being worth £53,000.

Albert Quixall was not so fortunate when he joined Manchester United for a fee not much less. There were reports that he was not shining as in his Sheffield Wednesday days. Some soccer folk wondered, indeed, whether Matt Busby's normally shrewd judgement had let him down.

But Busby was patient. He believed Albert Quixall would ultimately prove that he was the man for the job—and time has proved him right.

Often, the very fact that players are stars, with mature and established playing habits, means that they need more acclimatization. The performance of the England team this season has demonstrated how a collection of star players can

And let's have contracts by agreement

improve enormously as spirit and understanding grow.

All this is not to say that clubs must encourage new players to play to their natural strengths. Clearly, they must do this if they are to make the most of the players.

Many clubs have basic traditional styles, but this does not mean that their way of playing must not change in any detail.

The foundation of Wolves' play is still the long pass out of defence, but surely no one would claim that their game today is exactly the same as it was even a few seasons ago. There has been a complete turnover of players in the team and this, inevitably, has shown itself.

Is it healthy?

But what of the transfer business generally? The recent spate of big deals has given football the look of the Stock Exchange rather than that of a sporting contest. Is this healthy?

Basically, I think it is—although some aspects leave much to be desired. There, we hope, will merit attention during the coming weeks when the players' requests for improved conditions of service will be considered by Football League officials.

It is iniquitous, for instance, that if a player is on offer at £20,000, he must wait for a week before he can be offered more than £10,000. Such a situation can be a powerful lever in making a man accept an unwelcome move.

Also, when many thousands of pounds change hands on a deal, is it unreasonable to ask that the player should receive a share?

Player helps, too

The club, it is true, paves the way for a footballer's development. But if a player reaches the £50,000 category he surely must have contributed quite a bit himself.

Why then have a transfer system at all?

Simply because we must. There is no other way. Even in Spain—and to a lesser degree Italy—where players are to a great extent masters of their own destinies, they have not been able to dispense with the transfer system.

I have agreed before that both the players and clubs need fair protection in their dealings with each other. The players' protection could come via regulated contract, and it seems that a transfer system is necessary if the clubs are to have protection.

The vital question

So we come to the vital question: can a player be worth so much money?

Yes, he can. It must be remembered that value is a relative thing. It depends entirely on how much a player is worth to a particular club.

A football club has one reason for existing—to provide a football team. In most business, the manufacture of goods is not an end in itself, but a

means to making a profit. In football the game is the end itself; profits, in the form of dividends, are actually restricted by League regulations.

The biggest asset of a club, then, are not measured by black figures on an accounts sheet, but by the skill of the players on the field. Money, of course, is needed for administration and for providing better accommodation for fans.

But how does a club make money? By attracting spectators. How to attract spectators? By playing successful football. Players are bought to achieve that very end.

Spending can pay

Tottenham are the supreme example here. Playing to packed grounds every week, and with the chance of a place in the European Cup, they are making big-spending pay.

But it is not quite as simple as that. It is not solely a question of raising enough cash to buy a good team. Many clubs have discovered this to their bitter and heavy cost.

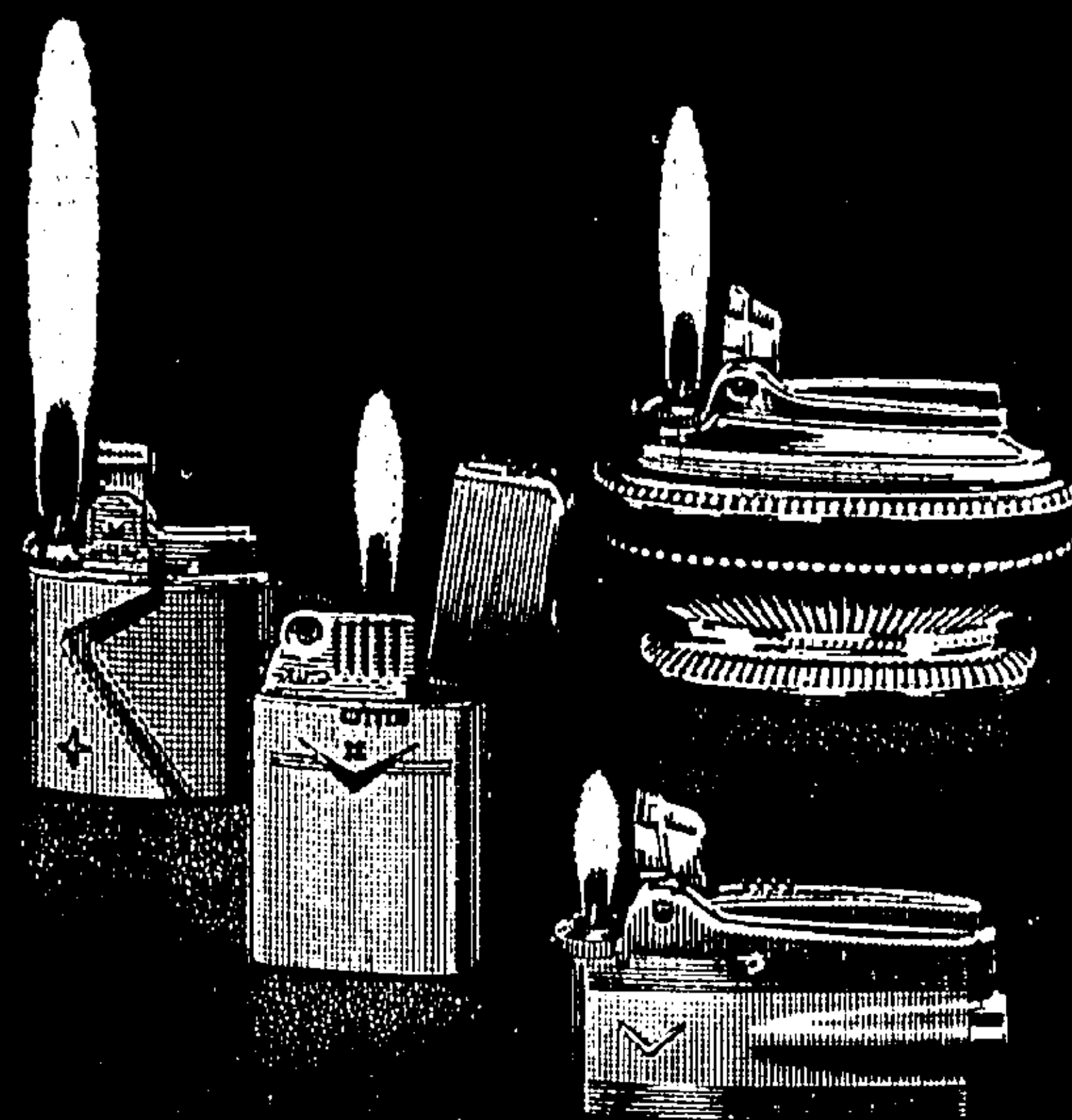
There are hazards in the transfer market and many clubs regard the development of young players as the safest proposition in team building. Very often the right players are not available—at any price.

This, and the fact that a collection of highly-priced stars does not necessarily make a good team, is a good thing. It prevents the transfer market getting completely out of hand. It also ensures that successful buying must be done to a plan and directed by men who know their football.

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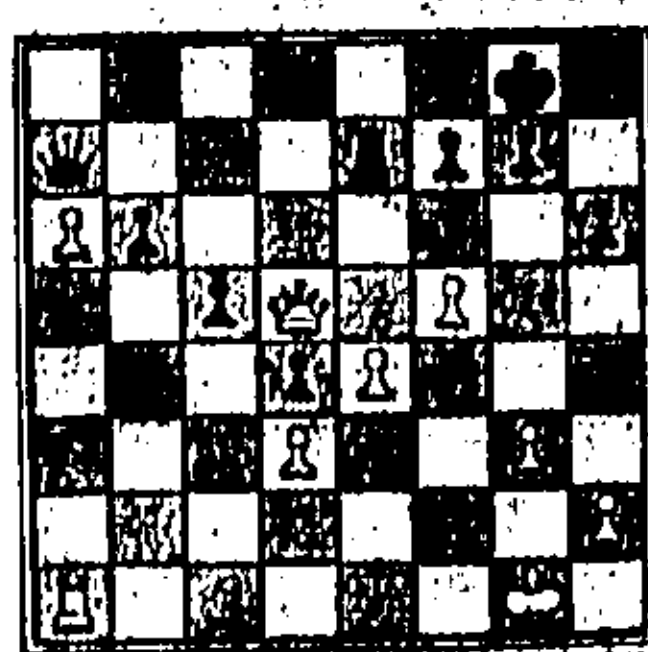
London, Dec. 5. An avert-the-football-strike meeting was held at the

First innings lead for S. Australia

Adelaide, Dec. 5. Opening batsman John Lill, who is making a strong bid for a place in Australia's Test team, today completed his sixth century for South Australia when the Sheffield Shield match against Western Australia was continued. Lill carried his Saturday score of 94 not out to 126 and helped South Australia to a first innings lead of 82 runs. They scored 305 in reply to Western Australia's 223. W. Australia raced to 143 for four in 130 minutes in their second innings and finished the day 81 runs ahead. The match ends tomorrow. —China Mail Special.

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By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play. White to move and win. Solution No. 5915: 1... RXP ch! 2 BXR. Q—R3 ch! 3 RXP. QXR. —London Express Service.

Ministry of Labour this afternoon.

The following joint statement was issued after a meeting lasting nearly four hours.

Representatives of the Football Association, the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association had a full discussion of the proposals considered by the Managing Committee yesterday and the representatives of the Football League will report in the light of these discussions to the representatives of the clubs at their meeting on Friday next.

Jimmy Hill, chairman of the PFA, said that a further

Steps taken to form SE Asia Hockey Federation

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 6. The Malayan Hockey Federation is to take steps to form a Southeast Asia Hockey Federation.

This was announced today by the Vice-president of the Federation, Mr. A.E. Durairatnam.

Japan and South Korea were very keen on the formation of such a body, he said.

The idea was first conceived during the Third Asian Games at Tokyo in 1958, when preliminary discussions were held among India, Pakistan, Japan, South Korea, and Malaya.

Mr. Durairatnam said: "There are already existing bodies for Asian soccer, badminton and basketball, and it is essential that we should have one for hockey too."

The matter would be brought up for consideration at the next meeting of the Southeast Asian Hockey Federation. —Reuters.

series of players' meetings would be arranged as early as possible—probably next week, in London, Birmingham and Manchester.

"We will report back to our members on the negotiations to date. They gave us a month to try to reach a settlement and it will be within that time limit that we shall tell them what has happened."

The players' chairman permitted himself one pointed comment when he said: "We have tossed the ball back into the clubs' court". He hinted that during the long meeting all points affecting the welfare of footballers had been discussed. —AFP.

Centuries by Ian Craig and Alan Davidson

Melbourne, Dec. 5. Centuries by former Test captain Ian Craig and Australian all-rounder Alan Davidson enabled New South Wales, Sheffield Shield holders for the past seven years, to declare at 411 for seven against Victoria today. Victoria replied with 90 for two, Colin McDonald scoring 37.

Davidson scored 122 not out, with the help of 14 fours, in 234 minutes, and Craig batted his Saturday score of 75 not out to 100. Craig was a more solid effort which occupied 272 minutes and included only three boundaries.

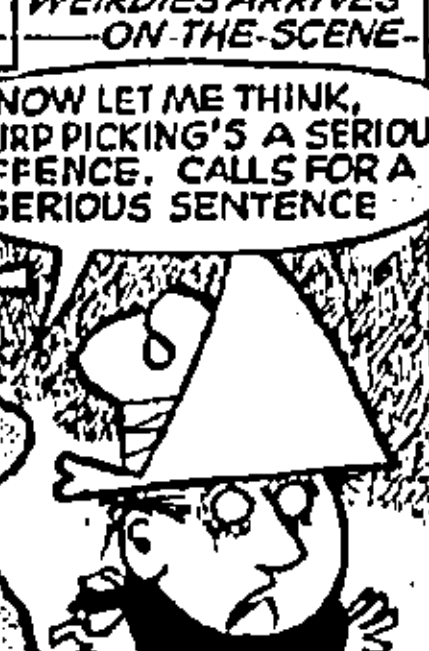
Ian McKillop, the fast bowler with the controversial action who is included in Australia's Test team, was one of the Victoria bowlers "punished" today. He was hammered for 63 runs without taking a wicket, and finished with three for 149. —China Mail Special.

Four D. Jones

BY MADDOCKS



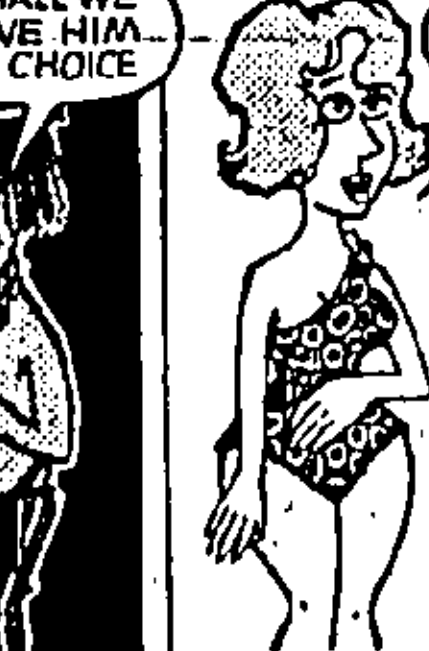
THE KING OF THE WEIRDIES ARRIVES ON THE SCENE



WHAT WILL IT BE THEN, HANGING, STRANGING OR MANGING?



A FEMALE WOMAN APPROACHES



DON'T JUST STAND THERE, GIVE YOUR INTRO



FERD'NAND



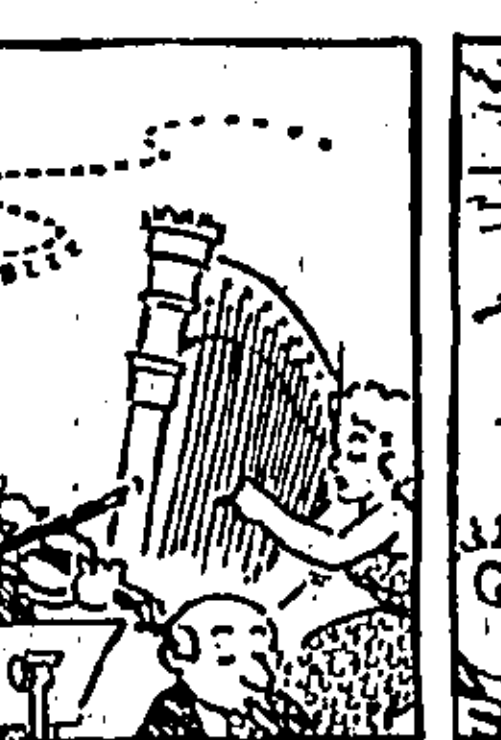
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AM I GETTING THROUGH TO YOU?



MY "WAVE LENGTH" IS A DIME



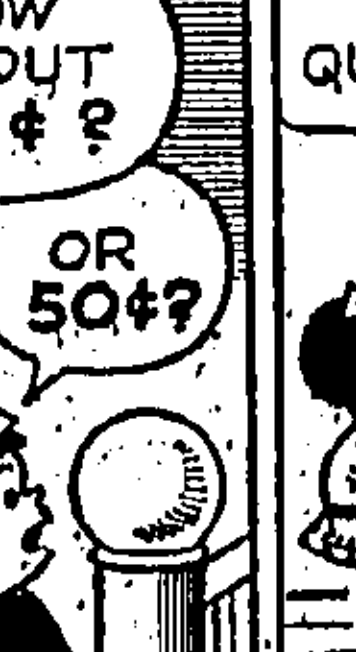
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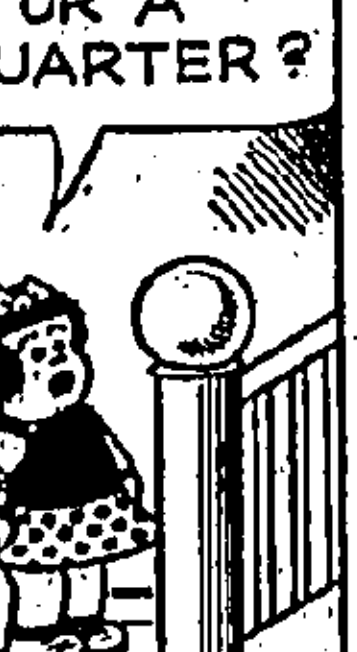
AUNT FRITZI! CAN I HAVE A DOLLAR?



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BRICK BRADFORD



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



BUDDY, HE IS NOT ALL RIGHT! I THINK HE HAS BEEN KILLED!



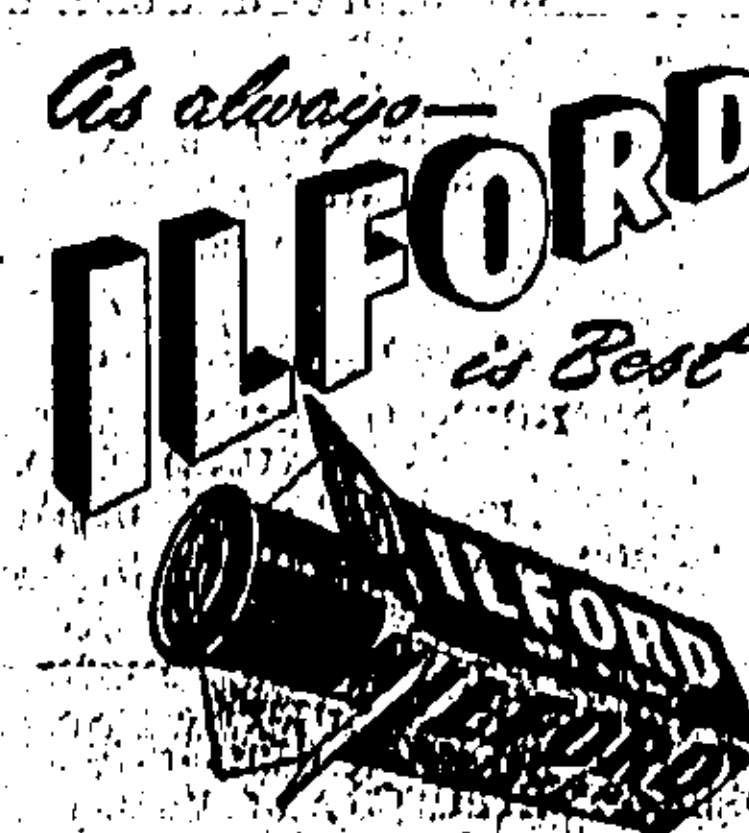
WHAT? NO! NO! IT CANNOT BE!



SECONDS PASS... NO, HE'S STILL ALIVE! BUT WE HAVE TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE!



MAYBE I CAN FIND THAT CAREGOD BRICK ON THE ALGER! THEN YOU CAN GET HIM OUT OF HERE!



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**Frenchman
fined \$600
on driving
summonses**

Jacques Arnoux, a 29-year-old Frenchman, living at 45 Hankow-road, Flat H, second floor, pleaded guilty to summonses of driving without a valid licence, and third party insurance.

He was fined a total of \$600 by Mr. T. C. Chan at North Kowloon Court this morning. He was also disqualified from holding and obtaining a driving licence for one year.

Sub-inspector R. Sterken, attached to the Traffic Office, told the Court that at 2:07 pm on August 26 this year, Staff Sergeant at Ching while on motor cycle patrol saw an unlicensed car parked on the roadside of Hankow-road near Half-moon-road.

The Staff-Sergeant had received information two months previously that the car was usually driven by Arnoux, who did not hold a valid licence.

When the sergeant saw a woman in the car followed by the defendant who sat at the wheel. As the defendant started the car, the sergeant stopped him.

After questioning, Arnoux admitted that he had no valid licence.

Defendant had two similar previous convictions, last year at the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

HEAVY RAIN

Mr. G. S. Stevenson of Stewart & Co. said in mitigation that a heavy rain fell on the night of the accident, and that the car was parked on the street with Arnoux sitting beside him.

Because of the previous heavy rain, the car could not start the engine, so Arnoux offered to help. The car was parked between two other cars, and the defendant's car was to get the car out of that difficult position for her.

As to defend his two previous convictions, Mr. Stevenson said that there were mitigating circumstances. Mr. Chan, before fining the defendant, warned him that they were serious offences.

Driver fined \$3,000, banned for a year

A determined police officer chased a car in the streets of Wanchai and Happy Valley at speeds of more than 50 miles an hour in the early hours of October 23.

The long chase was described in the Causeway Bay Court this morning when L. B. Melwani, driver of the car, pleaded guilty to three summonses of careless and dangerous driving and exceeding the speed limit of 30 miles per hour.

Mr. T. Morris, the Magistrate, imposed a fine of \$3,000 on Melwani, who was also disqualified from driving for 12 months.

Inspector M. R. Atkinson, prosecuting, said that Chief Inspector J. Haden was driving his saloon near the Grand Theatre in Queen's-road East about 1:45 am on October 23 when he was overtaken by another car.

Inspector Haden noticed it was on the wrong side of the road and was travelling at a very high speed. He gave chase and shortly after found that his speedometer was reading 48 miles per hour.

Outside Wah Yan College, when the inspector was about 10 yards behind the car, the speedometer showed 52 miles per hour and at Jackie (C.I.) it registered 60 miles per hour. The two cars passed three road junctions and the car by following never stopped at any of them, Inspector Atkinson said.

When it finally stopped outside No. 47 Blue Pool-road, Inspector Haden approached the car and found the defendant who was the driver and three other passengers in the car.

Melwani, of 346, Tai Hang-road, had four previous convictions for traffic offences, Inspector Atkinson said.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

Mr George Thomas Palmer, a former resident in Hong Kong, died at St Joseph Hospice, London, yesterday, after a long illness. He was 57.

Born in Wales, Mr Palmer came to the Far East more than 30 years ago.

He was with the Hongkong Volunteers when war broke out and was a POW.

After the war, he joined Shewan, Tomes and Co., Ltd. and was manager of the contracting and metals department and later taught at the Melwani English Tutorial School before he was taken ill three years ago. He then returned to England.

He is survived by his wife Katie, in Hongkong, and two daughters, Marilyn, who is in Hongkong, and Mrs. Isabella Costerton, who is in Dutch Guiana.

2 SOLDIERS DROVE SOMEONE'S CYCLE HOME, FINED \$350

Two young soldiers of 1st Battalion, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Stanley Fort, were fined \$350 each for taking a motor cycle to drive back to Stanley after being stranded in the city.

The soldiers, Frederick Alexander Skelton, and Kenneth John Mainwaring, both aged 22, pleaded guilty to driving a motor cycle without a licence, without the owner's consent and without third party insurance.

In addition to the fines, they were disqualified from holding a driving licence for one year. Sub-inspector B. Webster told the court on Sunday night the defendants were out playing tombola and had a few drinks. As it was late they tried to find lodgings without success.

WATERFRONT

It was then about 3 am and as they wandered along the waterfront, in Connaught-road, Central, they saw a motor cycle near Pottinger-street. They took it and intended to drive it back to Stanley Fort.

Skelton, who had held a licence in England, drove the cycle while Mainwaring sat on the rear seat.

The next morning, they were questioned by the military authorities about the use of the cycle the previous night and both admitted they had taken it from the waterfront. A report was made to the police.

Insp Webster said both defendants were National Servicemen and had been in the army since February this year earning approximately \$43 a week. Skelton had to send money to his wife in England and Mainwaring to his mother.

Blanket donations

The Council of Social Service acknowledged with thanks two donations of \$50 each for blankets from Mr. H. G. Robinson and Miss Frederika C. W. van der Windt.

PICTORIAL PARADE



LEFT: Among the many who attended the cocktails on board the mv Tijuwah were (l-r) Mr R. Schoo, Mrs J.E. Bast, Capt J.E. Bast and Mr and Mrs J.B. Kite.

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BELOW: An Auxiliary Medical Service team seen in action during an exercise at Fuk Wing-street Government School.



ABOVE: Lt-Gen Alexander D. Drummond chatting with a patient, Pte Hathaway, during his visit to the Bowen-road Military Hospital.

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RIGHT: The St Andrew's Ball was held at the Peninsula Hotel last week. Seen (l-r) are Mr J. F. Scott, Sir Robert Black, Mrs Scott, Lady Kinloch and Sir John Kinloch.



Hawkers tell of paying money to collectors

Several unlicensed hawkers who had been operating in the Sung Wong Toi area near Kowloon City said this morning they had paid money to collectors so that they would be allowed to continue hawking.

They said this at Kowloon Court when they were giving evidence against seven men and five policemen on a charge of conspiracy to receive money corruptly.

Only one witness made a positive identification of one of the non-police accused. The defendants who came before Mr. E. S. Hayden were Lai Yeung 40; Wong Shi-man, 24; Tse Shi-man, 26; Lo Wing-man, 24; and Lip Chung-kwong, 21, all policemen.

The others were Lam Ping, alias Chan Pie, 23; Or Ming, alias Pk Kwat, 17; Lau Ping, 20; Wong Wai-lam, alias Wo Sheung, 24; Yick Ping, alias Pang Ping, 21; Chan Cheung, 48 and a 10-year-old juvenile, Chan Foon, an unlicensed hawker, pointed to Wong Wai-lam and said she paid money to him. She said she had been hawking for more than 10 days in August or September and she had paid money only on three occasions.

On the first occasion she gave the collector \$1.50 and on the second and third occasions \$1.

Asked why she paid the money she said "I had no alternative. As others paid, so did I."

She added that the collector told her that if she refused she would be unable to carry on her trade.

She said the collector was collecting "beat money".

Another hawker, Ho Shiu, said he also paid money to collectors. When asked to identify the collectors, he said: "I cannot recognise clearly."

"Because I had only a quick glance of the collectors I doubt whether I could recognise any of them."

After glancing around the court he pointed to Lam Ping and said "I think I saw him twice."

He added that many people were paying money. Another hawker Cheung Luk-kan said that "I cannot recognise any of the 12 defendants."

Case is continuing.

Another street hawker, Tan Shiu-ping, who was hawking in the same area, said on the night of September 2 he was called to the Police station and

questioned whether he had paid money to anybody. He said he had been paying money to two people on five occasions. On three occasions he paid 30 cents and on two others, he paid 50 cents each.

St John's College Alumni ball

The St John's University (Shanghai) Alumni Association announced yesterday that their annual Christmas Ball this year will be held on December 22 at the Paramount. There will be a full programme of music, shows, Christmas carols, games.

The Secretary, Mr Sam Woo, who is also in charge of booking, told the China Mail that the ball is meant for the alumni, their friends and relatives.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1935

COMMENTING editorially on the Government's decision to allow the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron to live in Marble Hall, the SCM Post said the Colony was painfully conscious that the attitude of the Admiralty (as distinct from the China Station personnel) towards the Colony had not been marked by great generosity.

It said the accommodation of Admirals abroad was a fair charge upon the Imperial Naval vote.

Government's decision meant that the Admiralty had a perpetual free lease on the building.

"Sir Paul obviously intended the house to be used for some purpose beneficial to the Hongkong public—perhaps as a museum or hospital or official residence."

"Apparently it is not considered suitable for any local purpose; it is difficult to think that the Government tried very hard to find a use for it."

"Whether useless or not the house is an asset of value, demanding the quid pro quo." The Admiralty might have been persuaded to allow Chater Road and Queen's Road East to be connected through the Naval Yard.

"However, as well as being restrained by considerations of hospitality, the critic is also gagged by the fact that the gift was made, without consultation of the Legislative Council, as far back as 1927."

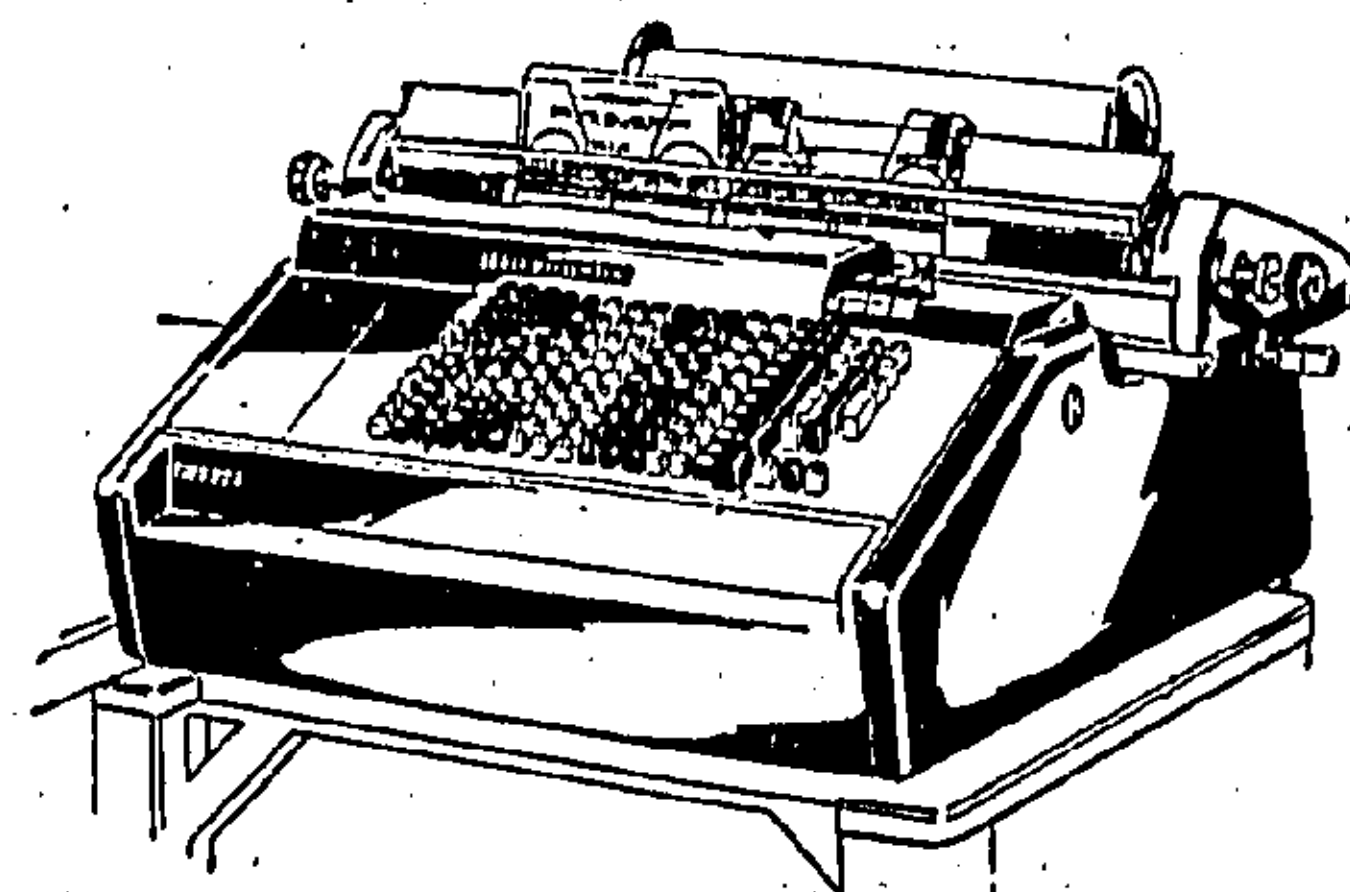
"Since then two Governors have gone, and it is hardly fair to call the present officials to account. In the face of the fact accompli we can only hope that the habit of 'souveniring' the public property or quietly giving it away has by now been eradicated."

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COMMENTING on the increase of beggars in the Colony, the SCM Post called editorially for a continuous rounding up and deportation "not spasmodic as at present, but a full-time job for a special patrol."

It also called on shipping and railway companies "to exercise greater care in selection of passengers for Hongkong."

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